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Object 1

1. The output of Schacht 54 of Object 1 for April 1955 was:

High-grade ore (kompaktes Erz)	48 containers
<u>Sorte</u>	4 87 "
"	3 106 "
"	2 654 "
"	1 1940 "
"	0 & S 2951 "

The Object fulfilled its production quota by a narrow margin.

2. Further details are now available on the methods used in grading the ore. Before any excavation into the pit face is begun, the face is tested by the radiometrist, who indicates the presence, if any, of high-grade ore (kompaktes Erz). This is mined first and put into separate boxes. Near the deposits of kompaktes Erz are usually layers or pockets of kistenfaehiges Erz, i.e. ore worth putting into boxes. This is mined next and put into boxes. Finally the aktive Masse is mined and loaded on vehicles.
3. The radiometrist then tests the filled boxes by instrument to check whether all the kistenfaehiges Erz is up to standard. In most cases, the measuring range of the instrument is exceeded, and the radiometrist has to rely on his ears rather than the dials of his instrument.
4. The boxes are again tested underground at a check point manned by Russians. They are then taken aboveground to be graded; this grading is done entirely by Russians. The grades are as given in Para. 1; the miner's wages are computed according to this grading. All the boxes are taken away from the pithead by truck, probably for mechanized concentration at Breitenbrunn. The aktive Masse is sent by rail to Johannegeorgenstadt (Object 98).

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5. The term Sorte S (Sortierkisten) is explained as follows. It refers to ore which, when it is tested aboveground, is found not quite to come up to the standard set for the lowest genuine Sorte, i.e. Sorte 0. Ore classified as S is mechanically sorted at the pithead. Thus, three boxes of Sorte S would be equal to one or two boxes of Sorte 0, 1 or 2. Nevertheless, in computing the wages of the miners, every box of Sorte S counts the same as Sorte 0.
6. In Schacht 54, Revier 2 has closed down. Half of it has been abandoned as exhausted, the other half attached to Reviers 1 and 3.
7. There were no significant staff changes in the Schacht during April 1955.

Object 9

8. A new Schacht is being built near Alberoda. It will reach a depth of 960 meters and is intended as a hauling shaft for Schachts 186, 66, 207, and 250. It will be fitted with the most modern equipment.

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